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The House met at 10 a.m.

The Chaplain, Rev. James David Ford, D.D., offered the following prayer:

We remember, O gracious God, those who have any special need in their lives, those family and friends and colleagues who are uncertain about their future or have doubts about the purposes and the designs of their very being. We pray, O God, that where there is doubt there would be renewed faith; where there is illness or infirmity there would be healing; where there is anger there would be reconciliation and peace and where the soul seems barren or empty, may Your spirit be present to forgive and restore and make whole. In Your name, we pray. Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER. The Chair has examined the Journal of the last day's proceedings and announces to the House his approval thereof.

Pursuant to clause 1, rule I, the Journal stands approved.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER. Will the gentleman from Florida [Mr. FOLEY] come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. FOLEY led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

A message from the Senate by Mr. Lundregan, one of its clerks, announced that the Senate had passed without amendment a bill of the House of the following title:

H.R. 1965. An act to reauthorize the Coastal Zone Management Act of 1972, and for other purposes.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. LATHAM). The Chair will entertain fifteen 1-minutes on each side.

COMMEMORATING NATIONAL MISSING CHILDREN'S WEEK

(Mr. FOLEY asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. FOLEY. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to commemorate this week as National Missing Children's Week. As Americans, we are all compelled by the heartbreaking stories of abductions and murders of children. Adam Walsh, and Jimmy Ryce, these are names and faces south Floridians will never forget. In 1995, nearly 5,000 missing persons cases reported that year remained unresolved.

We all grieve for the families whose cases remain unresolved—and pray that they may be reunited with their loved ones soon so that their lives can return to normal. As a nation we should try to prevent child victimization through education. Families should begin early by opening the lines of communication in their family, teaching children protection information that can help keep them safe. Knowledge empowers children, and high self-esteem gives them the confidence to trust their own feelings when they feel uncomfortable and need help.

Mr. Speaker, we need to join together as a community to help resolve missing children cases and Missing Children's Week is an important part of the awareness process.

GINGRICH-ARMEY RULE ON MINIMUM WAGE CONTAINS POISON PILLS

(Mr. BONIOR asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. BONIOR. Mr. Speaker, after months of prodding our colleagues who run this institution on the Republican side of the aisle to bring a minimum wage bill to the floor so we can get people who have chosen work over welfare an increase from \$4.25 an hour to something that at least approaches what they need to live on, what do we get today? We get a rule and we get a bill that has odious poison pills in it that will kill the minimum wage.

This Gingrich-Armeley rule is designed to do exactly that. It does not give a minimum wage increase to people, it repeals it for literally millions of people in this country. People who work in garment sweatshops across this country could find their wages lowered.

It is just an outrage. They do not get it yet. America deserves a raise; it needs a raise. We need a clean bill, no poison pills. Let us raise the wages of those who choose work over welfare. Let us vote against this Goodling amendment, vote against the rule, and then pass a good minimum wage.

COSTUME PRESIDENT

(Mr. BALLENGER asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. BALLENGER. Mr. Speaker, if we needed another example of how this President changes characters faster than Rich Little, here it is:

A year ago President Clinton put on his regulatory reform-er costume. He said that he wanted to give small businesses a break against agencies like OSHA, which were more interested in

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